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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING EDUCATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-264l of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
5 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and
6 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,
7 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
8 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers
9 Community College, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to
10 section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting the goals of the
11 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et
12 al., as extended, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, to
13 assist (A) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges
14 on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (B) the Board of
15 Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state
16 university, (C) the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut
17 on behalf of the university, (D) the board of governors for an
18 independent college or university, as defined in section 10a-37, or the
19 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent college or

20 university, and (E) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation
21 approved by the commissioner with the operation of interdistrict
22 magnet school programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be
23 operated in conformance with the same laws and regulations
24 applicable to public schools. For the purposes of this section "an
25 interdistrict magnet school program" means a program which (i)
26 supports racial, ethnic and economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and
27 high quality curriculum, and (iii) requires students who are enrolled to
28 attend at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school program does
29 not include a regional agricultural science and technology school, a
30 technical high school or a regional special education center. On and
31 after July 1, 2000, the governing authority for each interdistrict magnet
32 school program that is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict
33 the number of students that may enroll in the program from a
34 participating district to eighty per cent of the total enrollment of the
35 program. The governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school
36 program that begins operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall restrict
37 the number of students that may enroll in the program from a
38 participating district to seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of
39 the program, and maintain such a school enrollment that at least
40 twenty-five per cent but not more than seventy-five per cent of the
41 students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities, as defined in section
42 10-226a. The governing authority of an interdistrict magnet school that
43 the commissioner determines will assist the state in meeting the goals
44 of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.
45 O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and
46 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., shall restrict the
47 number of students that may enroll in the program from a
48 participating district in accordance with the provisions of this
49 subsection, provided such enrollment is in accordance with the
50 reduced-isolation setting standards of such 2013 stipulation and order.

51 (b) (1) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program
52 operating grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted
53 annually to the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such

54 manner as the commissioner prescribes, except that on and after July 1,
55 2009, applications for such operating grants for new interdistrict
56 magnet schools, other than those that the commissioner determines
57 will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and
58 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or
59 the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
60 William A. O'Neill, et al., shall not be accepted until the commissioner
61 develops a comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan.
62 The commissioner shall submit such comprehensive state-wide
63 interdistrict magnet school plan on or before January 1, 2011, to the
64 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
65 of matters relating to education.

66 (2) In determining whether an application shall be approved and
67 funds awarded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall
68 consider, but such consideration shall not be limited to: (A) Whether
69 the program offered by the school is likely to increase student
70 achievement; (B) whether the program is likely to reduce racial, ethnic
71 and economic isolation; (C) the percentage of the student enrollment in
72 the program from each participating district; and (D) the proposed
73 operating budget and the sources of funding for the interdistrict
74 magnet school. For a magnet school not operated by a local or regional
75 board of education, the commissioner shall only approve a proposed
76 operating budget that, on a per pupil basis, does not exceed the
77 maximum allowable threshold established in accordance with this
78 subdivision. The maximum allowable threshold shall be an amount
79 equal to one hundred twenty per cent of the state average of the
80 quotient obtained by dividing net current expenditures, as defined in
81 section 10-261, by average daily membership, as defined in said
82 section, for the fiscal year two years prior to the fiscal year for which
83 the operating grant is requested. The Department of Education shall
84 establish the maximum allowable threshold no later than December
85 fifteenth of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year for which the
86 operating grant is requested. If requested by an applicant that is not a
87 local or regional board of education, the commissioner may approve a

88 proposed operating budget that exceeds the maximum allowable
 89 threshold if the commissioner determines that there are extraordinary
 90 programmatic needs. In the case of an interdistrict magnet school that
 91 will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and
 92 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or
 93 the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
 94 William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the commissioner, the
 95 commissioner shall also consider whether the school is meeting the
 96 [desegregation] reduced-isolation setting standards set forth in [said]
 97 such 2013 stipulation and order. If such school has not met the
 98 [desegregation] reduced-isolation setting standards [by the second
 99 year of operation] prescribed in such 2013 stipulation and order, it
 100 shall not be entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this section unless
 101 the commissioner finds that it is appropriate to award a grant for an
 102 additional year or years for purposes of compliance with [said] such
 103 2013 stipulation and order. If requested by the commissioner, the
 104 applicant shall meet with the commissioner or the commissioner's
 105 designee to discuss the budget and sources of funding.

106 (3) Except as provided in this section, section 197 of public act 11-48
 107 and the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.
 108 O'Neill, et al., the commissioner shall not award a grant to (A) a
 109 program that is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, if more than eighty
 110 per cent of its total enrollment is from one school district, except that
 111 the commissioner may award a grant for good cause, for any one year,
 112 on behalf of an otherwise eligible magnet school program, if more than
 113 eighty per cent of the total enrollment is from one district, [The
 114 commissioner shall not award a grant to] and (B) a program that
 115 begins operations on or after July 1, 2005, if more than seventy-five per
 116 cent of its total enrollment is from one school district or if less than
 117 twenty-five or more than seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled
 118 are pupils of racial minorities, as defined in section 10-226a, except that
 119 the commissioner may award a grant for good cause, for one year, on
 120 behalf of an otherwise eligible interdistrict magnet school program, if
 121 more than seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment is from one

122 district or less than twenty-five or more than seventy-five per cent of
123 the students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities. The commissioner
124 may not award grants pursuant to [such an exception for a second
125 consecutive year] the exceptions described in subparagraphs (A) and
126 (B) of this subdivision for an additional consecutive year or years,
127 except as provided for in section 197 of public act 11-48, the 2008
128 stipulation for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as
129 extended, or the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
130 William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the commissioner.

131 (c) (1) The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school
132 program, except those described in subparagraphs (A) to (F), inclusive,
133 of subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per
134 enrolled student who is not a resident of the town operating the
135 magnet school shall be (A) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal
136 year ending June 30, 2008, (B) six thousand seven hundred thirty
137 dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June 30, 2012,
138 inclusive, and (C) seven thousand eighty-five dollars for the fiscal year
139 ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter. The per pupil
140 grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the town operating
141 the magnet school program shall be three thousand dollars for the
142 fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter.

143 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year
144 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,
145 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing
146 educational programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the
147 commissioner determines. Such grants shall be made after the
148 commissioner has conducted a comprehensive financial review and
149 approved the total operating budget for such schools, including all
150 revenue and expenditure estimates.

151 (3) (A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (F),
152 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated
153 by a regional educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five
154 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per

155 pupil grant in the amount of (i) six thousand two hundred fifty dollars
156 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, (ii) six thousand five hundred
157 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, (iii) seven thousand
158 sixty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (iv) seven
159 thousand six hundred twenty dollars for the fiscal years ending June
160 30, 2009, to June 30, 2012, inclusive, and (v) seven thousand nine
161 hundred dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal
162 year thereafter.

163 (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (F),
164 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated
165 by a regional educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five
166 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per
167 pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the
168 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students in
169 the amount of (i) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal year ending
170 June 30, 2008, (ii) six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars for the
171 fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June 30, 2012, inclusive, and (iii)
172 seven thousand eighty-five dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30,
173 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter. The per pupil grant for each
174 enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least
175 fifty-five per cent of the school's students shall be three thousand
176 dollars.

177 (C) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional
178 educational service center that began operations for the school year
179 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing
180 July 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than
181 eighty per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive
182 a per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the
183 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty
184 per cent of the school's students in the amount of eight thousand one
185 hundred eighty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and
186 each fiscal year thereafter, and a per pupil grant for each enrolled
187 student who is not a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-

188 five per cent, but no more than eighty per cent of the school's students
189 in the amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty dollars for the
190 fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter.

191 (D) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by (i) a regional
192 educational service center, (ii) the Board of Trustees of the
193 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-
194 technical college, (iii) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State
195 University System on behalf of a state university, (iv) the Board of
196 Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,
197 (v) the board of governors for an independent college or university, as
198 defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf
199 of the independent college or university, (vi) cooperative arrangements
200 pursuant to section 10-158a, (vii) any other third-party not-for-profit
201 corporation approved by the commissioner, and (viii) the Hartford
202 school district for the operation of Great Path Academy on behalf of
203 Manchester Community College, that enrolls less than sixty per cent of
204 its students from Hartford pursuant to the 2008 stipulation and order
205 for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the
206 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et
207 al., shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of (I) nine thousand
208 six hundred ninety-five dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010,
209 and (II) ten thousand four hundred forty-three dollars for the fiscal
210 years ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2015, inclusive.

211 (E) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a local or regional
212 board of education, pursuant to the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo
213 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the 2013
214 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
215 shall receive a per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a
216 resident of the district in the amount of (i) twelve thousand dollars for
217 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and (ii) thirteen thousand fifty-
218 four dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2015,
219 inclusive.

220 (F) In addition to the grants described in subparagraph (E) of this

subdivision, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the commissioner may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the Finance Advisory Committee, established pursuant to section 4-93, provide supplemental grants to the Hartford school district of up to one thousand fifty-four dollars for each student enrolled at an interdistrict magnet school operated by the Hartford school district who is not a resident of such district.

(4) The amounts of the grants determined pursuant to this subsection shall be proportionately adjusted, if necessary, within available appropriations, and in no case shall any grant pursuant to this section exceed the reasonable operating budget of the interdistrict magnet school program, less revenues from other sources. Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

(5) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make grants to the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet school that assists the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the commissioner and that provide academic support programs and summer school educational programs approved by the commissioner to students participating in such interdistrict magnet school program: (A) Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (E) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (F) the board of governors for an independent college or university, as defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent college or university, (G) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (H) any

254 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
255 commissioner.

256 (6) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education
257 may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand
258 dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of new
259 interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting
260 the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
261 William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
262 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
263 as determined by the commissioner, to the following entities that
264 develop such a program: (A) Regional educational service centers, (B)
265 local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the
266 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-
267 technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State
268 University System on behalf of a state university, (E) the Board of
269 Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,
270 (F) the board of governors for an independent college or university, as
271 defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf
272 of the independent college or university, (G) cooperative arrangements
273 pursuant to section 10-158a, and (H) any other third-party not-for-
274 profit corporation approved by the commissioner.

275 (d) (1) Grants made pursuant to this section, except those made
276 pursuant to subdivision (6) of subsection (c) of this section and
277 subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall be paid as follows: Seventy per
278 cent [by] not later than September first and the balance [by] not later
279 than May first of each fiscal year. The May first payment shall be
280 adjusted to reflect actual interdistrict magnet school program
281 enrollment as of the preceding October first using the data of record as
282 of the intervening March first, if the actual level of enrollment is lower
283 than the projected enrollment stated in the approved grant application.
284 The May first payment shall be further adjusted for the difference
285 between the total grant received by the magnet school operator in the
286 prior fiscal year and the revised total grant amount calculated for the

287 prior fiscal year in cases where the aggregate financial audit submitted
288 by the interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to subdivision (1)
289 of subsection (n) of this section indicates an overpayment by the
290 department.

291 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year
292 thereafter, the governing authority of Goodwin College shall receive
293 an annual per pupil grant for the operation of the College Academy
294 interdistrict magnet school as follows: (A) For each student enrolled in
295 the summer term of the fiscal year, fifty per cent of the amount not
296 later than August first and the balance (i) not later than September first
297 of such fiscal year for each such student who enrolls in the second
298 trimester term, or (ii) not later than May first of such fiscal year for
299 each such student who enrolls in the third trimester term; (B) for each
300 student enrolled in the second trimester term of the fiscal year who
301 was not enrolled in the preceding summer term, fifty per cent not later
302 than September first of such fiscal year and the balance not later than
303 May first of such fiscal year for each such student who enrolls in the
304 third trimester term. The May first payment shall be adjusted to reflect
305 the actual enrollment of such interdistrict magnet school program as of
306 the preceding summer and second trimester terms first using the data
307 of record as of the intervening October first and March first, if the
308 actual level of enrollment is lower than the projected enrollment stated
309 in the approved grant application. The May first payment shall be
310 further adjusted for the difference between the total grant received in
311 the prior fiscal year and the revised grant amount calculated for the
312 prior fiscal year in cases where the financial audit submitted by the
313 governing authority of such interdistrict magnet school pursuant to
314 subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of this section indicates an
315 overpayment by the department.

316 (e) The Department of Education may retain up to one-half of one
317 per cent of the amount appropriated, in an amount not to exceed five
318 hundred thousand dollars, for purposes of this section for program
319 evaluation and administration.

320 (f) Each local or regional school district in which an interdistrict
321 magnet school is located shall provide the same kind of transportation
322 to its children enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school as it
323 provides to its children enrolled in other public schools in such local or
324 regional school district. The parent or guardian of a child denied the
325 transportation services required to be provided pursuant to this
326 subsection may appeal such denial in the manner provided in sections
327 10-186 and 10-187.

328 (g) On or before October fifteenth of each year, the Commissioner of
329 Education shall determine if interdistrict magnet school enrollment is
330 below the number of students for which funds were appropriated. If
331 the commissioner determines that the enrollment is below such
332 number, the additional funds shall not lapse but shall be used by the
333 commissioner for grants for interdistrict cooperative programs
334 pursuant to section 10-74d.

335 (h) In the case of a student identified as requiring special education,
336 the school district in which the student resides shall: (1) Hold the
337 planning and placement team meeting for such student and shall
338 invite representatives from the interdistrict magnet school to
339 participate in such meeting; and (2) pay the interdistrict magnet school
340 an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of
341 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the
342 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)
343 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or
344 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district
345 shall be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. If a
346 student requiring special education attends an interdistrict magnet
347 school on a full-time basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be
348 responsible for ensuring that such student receives the services
349 mandated by the student's individualized education program whether
350 such services are provided by the interdistrict magnet school or by the
351 school district in which the student resides.

352 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the

353 enrollment of nonpublic school students in an interdistrict magnet
354 school program that operates less than full-time, provided (1) such
355 students constitute no more than five per cent of the full-time
356 equivalent enrollment in such magnet school program, and (2) such
357 students are not counted for purposes of determining the amount of
358 grants pursuant to this section and section 10-264i.

359 (j) After accommodating students from participating districts in
360 accordance with an approved enrollment agreement, an interdistrict
361 magnet school operator that has unused student capacity may enroll
362 directly into its program any interested student. A student from a
363 district that is not participating in an interdistrict magnet school or the
364 interdistrict student attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa
365 to an extent determined by the Commissioner of Education shall be
366 given preference. The local or regional board of education otherwise
367 responsible for educating such student shall contribute funds to
368 support the operation of the interdistrict magnet school in an amount
369 equal to the per student tuition, if any, charged to participating
370 districts.

371 (k) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year
372 thereafter, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of education
373 by a regional educational service center operating an interdistrict
374 magnet school or any tuition charged by the Hartford school district
375 operating the Great Path Academy on behalf of Manchester
376 Community College for any student enrolled in kindergarten to grade
377 twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in an
378 amount equal to the difference between (A) the average per pupil
379 expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the
380 amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c)
381 of this section plus any revenue from other sources calculated on a per
382 pupil basis. If any such board of education fails to pay such tuition, the
383 commissioner may withhold from such board's town or towns a sum
384 payable under section 10-262i, as amended by this act, in an amount
385 not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the magnet school

386 and pay such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet school as a
387 supplementary grant for the operation of the interdistrict magnet
388 school program. In no case shall the sum of such tuitions exceed the
389 difference between (i) the total expenditures of the magnet school for
390 the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the total per pupil state subsidy calculated
391 under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other
392 sources. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial
393 review of the operating budget of a magnet school to verify such
394 tuition rate.

395 (2) (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, a
396 regional educational service center operating an interdistrict magnet
397 school offering a preschool program that is not located in the Sheff
398 region may charge tuition to the Department of Education for a child
399 enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed an
400 amount equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil
401 expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet school for
402 the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy
403 calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from
404 other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may
405 conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of
406 any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition
407 rate. For purposes of this subdivision, "Sheff region" means the school
408 districts for the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, East Granby, East
409 Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby,
410 Hartford, Manchester, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South
411 Windsor, Suffield, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and
412 Windsor Locks.

413 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year
414 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
415 interdistrict magnet school offering a preschool program that is not
416 located in the Sheff region may charge tuition to the parent or
417 guardian of a child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount
418 that is in accordance with the sliding tuition scale adopted by the State

419 Board of Education pursuant to section 10-264p. The Department of
420 Education shall be financially responsible for any unpaid portion of
421 the tuition not charged to such parent or guardian under such sliding
422 tuition scale. Such tuition shall not exceed an amount equal to the
423 difference between (i) the average per pupil expenditure of the
424 preschool program offered at the magnet school for the prior fiscal
425 year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated
426 under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other
427 sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may
428 conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of
429 any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition
430 rate.

431 (l) A participating district shall provide opportunities for its
432 students to attend an interdistrict magnet school in a number that is at
433 least equal to the number specified in any written agreement with an
434 interdistrict magnet school operator or in a number that is at least
435 equal to the average number of students that the participating district
436 enrolled in such magnet school during the previous three school years.

437 (m) On or before May 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, each
438 interdistrict magnet school operator shall provide written notification
439 to any school district that is otherwise responsible for educating a
440 student who resides in such school district and will be enrolled in an
441 interdistrict magnet school under the operator's control for the
442 following school year. Such notification shall include the number of
443 any such students, by grade, who will be enrolled in an interdistrict
444 magnet school under the control of such operator, the name of the
445 school in which such student has been placed and the amount of
446 tuition to be charged to the local or regional board of education for
447 such student. Such notification shall represent an estimate of the
448 number of students expected to attend such interdistrict magnet
449 schools in the following school year, but shall not be deemed to limit
450 the number of students who may enroll in such interdistrict magnet
451 schools for such year.

452 (n) (1) Each interdistrict magnet school operator shall annually file
453 with the Commissioner of Education, at such time and in such manner
454 as the commissioner prescribes, (A) a financial audit for each
455 interdistrict magnet school operated by such operator, and (B) an
456 aggregate financial audit for all of the interdistrict magnet schools
457 operated by such operator.

458 (2) Annually, the commissioner shall randomly select one
459 interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional educational service
460 center to be subject to a comprehensive financial audit conducted by
461 an auditor selected by the commissioner. The regional educational
462 service center shall be responsible for all costs associated with the
463 audit conducted pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision.

464 (o) For the school years commencing July 1, 2009, to July 1, 2014,
465 inclusive, any local or regional board of education operating an
466 interdistrict magnet school pursuant to the 2008 stipulation and order
467 for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the 2013
468 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
469 shall not charge tuition for any student enrolled in a preschool
470 program or in kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in an
471 interdistrict magnet school operated by such school district, except the
472 Hartford school district may charge tuition for any student enrolled in
473 the Great Path Academy.

474 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
475 June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of
476 Education shall award, within available appropriations, a grant in an
477 amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars to the
478 Hartford school district for program development and expansion of
479 the Dr. Joseph S. Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy to assist the
480 state in meeting the goals of the 2013 stipulation for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
481 William O'Neill, et al. Application for such grant funds awarded
482 pursuant to this section shall be submitted annually to the
483 Commissioner of Education at such time and in such manner as the
484 commissioner prescribes.

485 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school
486 year thereafter, any student who is not a resident of the Hartford
487 school district may apply for enrollment in the Dr. Joseph S. Renzulli
488 Gifted and Talented Academy, provided such student is eligible for
489 enrollment under the school's admissions policies. Any such student
490 enrolled in the Dr. Joseph S. Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy
491 shall be so enrolled as a participant in the interdistrict public school
492 attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa of the general
493 statutes.

494 (c) Grants awarded under this section shall supplement other grant
495 awards to which the Dr. Joseph S. Renzulli Gifted and Talented
496 Academy is entitled and shall not reduce such academy's eligibility for
497 any other grant that such academy may be entitled to receive.

498 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this section,
499 "Sheff Lighthouse School" has the same meaning as "Lighthouse
500 Schools", as defined in the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et
501 al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.

502 (b) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2018,
503 inclusive, the Department of Education shall award, within available
504 appropriations, an annual grant, in an amount of seven hundred fifty
505 thousand dollars, to the Hartford school district to assist in the
506 development of curricula and the training of staff for the conversion of
507 a neighborhood school to a Sheff Lighthouse School.

508 (c) Any school identified for conversion to a Sheff Lighthouse
509 School shall be so identified through a collaborative process that has
510 been approved by the Hartford board of education and the
511 Commissioner of Education.

512 (d) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school
513 year thereafter, any student who is not a resident of the Hartford
514 school district may apply for enrollment in a Sheff Lighthouse School.
515 Any such student enrolled in a Sheff Lighthouse School shall be so

516 enrolled as a participant in the interdistrict public school attendance
517 program pursuant to section 10-266aa of the general statutes.

518 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the 2014 supplement to the
519 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
520 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

521 (a) (1) (A) A local or regional board of education, (B) a regional
522 educational service center, (C) the Board of Trustees of the
523 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Quinebaug Valley
524 Community College and Three Rivers Community College, (D) a
525 cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a, or (E) to assist
526 the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo
527 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the
528 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et
529 al., as determined by the Commissioner of Education, (i) the Board of
530 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional
531 community-technical college, (ii) the Board of Trustees of the
532 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (iii)
533 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of
534 the university, (iv) the board of governors for an independent college
535 or university, as defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a
536 board, on behalf of the independent college or university, and (v) any
537 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
538 commissioner which transports a child to an interdistrict magnet
539 school program, as defined in section 10-264l, as amended by this act,
540 in a town other than the town in which the child resides shall be
541 eligible pursuant to section 10-264e to receive a grant for the cost of
542 transporting such child in accordance with this section.

543 (2) Except as provided in subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection,
544 the amount of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the
545 number of such children transported multiplied by one thousand three
546 hundred dollars.

547 (3) For districts assisting the state in meeting the goals of the 2008

548 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
549 as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo
550 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the
551 commissioner, (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the amount
552 of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the number of such
553 children transported multiplied by one thousand four hundred dollars,
554 and (ii) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2015,
555 inclusive, the amount of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal
556 to the number of such children transported multiplied by two
557 thousand dollars.

558 (4) In addition to the grants otherwise provided pursuant to this
559 section, the Commissioner of Education may provide supplemental
560 transportation grants to regional educational service centers for the
561 purposes of transportation to interdistrict magnet schools. Any such
562 grant shall be provided within available appropriations and after the
563 commissioner has reviewed and approved the total interdistrict
564 magnet school transportation budget for a regional educational service
565 center, including all revenue and expenditure estimates. For the fiscal
566 year ending June 30, 2010, in addition to the grants otherwise provided
567 pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of Education, with the
568 approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, may
569 provide supplemental transportation grants to the Hartford school
570 district and the Capitol Region Education Council for the purposes of
571 transportation of students who are not residents of Hartford to
572 interdistrict magnet schools operated by the Capitol Region Education
573 Council or the Hartford school district. For the fiscal year ending June
574 30, 2012, in addition to the grants otherwise provided pursuant to this
575 section, the Commissioner of Education may provide supplemental
576 transportation grants to regional educational service centers for the
577 purposes of transportation to interdistrict magnet schools that assist
578 the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo
579 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al. Any such grant shall be
580 provided within available appropriations and upon a comprehensive
581 financial review of all transportation activities as prescribed by the

582 commissioner. The commissioner may require the regional educational
583 service center to provide an independent financial review, by an
584 auditor selected by the Commissioner of Education, the costs of which
585 may be paid from funds that are part of the supplemental
586 transportation grant. Any such grant shall be paid as follows: Up to
587 fifty per cent of the grant on or before June 30, 2012, and the balance on
588 or before September 1, 2012, upon completion of the comprehensive
589 financial review. For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2013, to
590 June 30, 2015, inclusive, in addition to the grants otherwise provided
591 pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of Education may provide
592 supplemental transportation to interdistrict magnet schools that assist
593 the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo
594 Sheff, et al. v. William O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the
595 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et
596 al. and for transportation provided by EASTCONN to interdistrict
597 magnet schools. Any such grant shall be provided within available
598 appropriations and upon a comprehensive financial review, by an
599 auditor selected by the Commissioner of Education, the costs of such
600 review may be paid from funds that are part of the supplemental
601 transportation grant. Any such grant shall be paid as follows: [Up] For
602 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, up to fifty per cent of the grant on
603 or before June 30, 2013, and the balance on or before September 1, 2013,
604 upon completion of the comprehensive financial review; for the fiscal
605 year ending June 30, 2014, up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before
606 June 30, 2014, and the balance on or before September 1, 2014, upon
607 completion of the comprehensive financial review; and for the fiscal
608 year ending June 30, 2015, up to fifty per cent of the grant on or before
609 June 30, 2015, and the balance on or before September 1, 2015, upon
610 completion of the comprehensive financial review.

611 (5) The Department of Education shall provide such grants within
612 available appropriations. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed
613 to prevent a local or regional board of education, regional educational
614 service center or cooperative arrangement from receiving
615 reimbursement under section 10-266m, as amended by this act, for

616 reasonable transportation expenses for which such board, service
617 center or cooperative arrangement is not reimbursed pursuant to this
618 section.

619 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the 2014 supplement to
620 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
621 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

622 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and each fiscal year
623 thereafter, a local or regional board of education, a regional
624 educational service center, a cooperative arrangement pursuant to
625 section 10-158a, or any of the following entities that operate an
626 interdistrict magnet school that assists the state in meeting the goals of
627 the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.
628 O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and
629 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined
630 by the Commissioner of Education: (1) The Board of Trustees of the
631 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-
632 technical college, (2) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State
633 University System on behalf of a state university, (3) the Board of
634 Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,
635 (4) the board of governors for an independent college or university, as
636 defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf
637 of the independent college or university, and (5) any other third-party
638 not-for-profit corporation approved by the Commissioner of
639 Education, may be eligible for reimbursement, except as otherwise
640 provided for, up to eighty per cent of the eligible cost of any capital
641 expenditure for the purchase, construction, extension, replacement,
642 leasing or major alteration of interdistrict magnet school facilities,
643 including any expenditure for the purchase of equipment, in
644 accordance with this section. To be eligible for reimbursement under
645 this section a magnet school construction project shall meet the
646 requirements for a school building project established in chapter 173,
647 except that the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in
648 consultation with the Commissioner of Education, may waive any

649 requirement in said chapter for good cause. On and after July 1, 2011,
650 the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall approve only
651 applications for reimbursement under this section that the
652 Commissioner of Education finds will reduce racial, ethnic and
653 economic isolation. Applications for reimbursement under this section
654 for the construction of new interdistrict magnet schools shall not be
655 accepted until the Commissioner of Education develops a
656 comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan, in
657 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of
658 section 10-264l, unless the Commissioner of Education determines that
659 such construction will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008
660 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
661 as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo
662 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.

663 Sec. 6. Section 10-264o of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
664 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
665 *1, 2014*):

666 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, interdistrict
667 magnet schools that begin operations on or after July 1, 2008, pursuant
668 to the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.
669 O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo
670 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the
671 Commissioner of Education, may operate without district participation
672 agreements and enroll students from any district through a lottery
673 designated by the commissioner.

674 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year
675 thereafter, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of education
676 by a regional educational service center operating an interdistrict
677 magnet school [that began operations on or after July 1, 2008, pursuant
678 to] assisting the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and
679 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or
680 the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
681 William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the Commissioner of

682 Education, for any student enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve,
683 inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in an amount
684 equal to the difference between (1) the average per pupil expenditure
685 of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (2) the amount of any
686 per pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-
687 264l plus any revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil
688 basis. If any such board of education fails to pay such tuition, the
689 commissioner may withhold from such board's town or towns a sum
690 payable under section 10-262i, as amended by this act, in an amount
691 not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the magnet school
692 and pay such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet school as a
693 supplementary grant for the operation of the interdistrict magnet
694 school program. In no case shall the sum of such tuitions exceed the
695 difference between (A) the total expenditures of the magnet school for
696 the prior fiscal year, and (B) the total per pupil state subsidy calculated
697 under subsection (c) of section 10-264l plus any revenue from other
698 sources. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive review of
699 the operating budget of a magnet school to verify such tuition rate.

700 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, a regional educational
701 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school [that began
702 operations on or after July 1, 2008, pursuant to] assisting the state in
703 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
704 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
705 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
706 as determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering a
707 preschool program shall not charge tuition for a child enrolled in such
708 preschool program.

709 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, a regional educational
710 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school [that began
711 operations on or after July 1, 2008, pursuant to] assisting the state in
712 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
713 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
714 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,

715 as determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering a
716 preschool program may charge tuition to the Department of Education
717 for a child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to
718 exceed an amount equal to the difference between (A) the average per
719 pupil expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet
720 school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil
721 state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264/ plus
722 any revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The
723 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive review of the operating
724 budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such
725 tuition rate.

726 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year
727 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
728 interdistrict magnet school [that began operations on or after July 1,
729 2008, pursuant to] assisting the state in meeting the goals of the 2008
730 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
731 as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo
732 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the
733 Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool program may
734 charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such
735 preschool program in an amount that is in accordance with the sliding
736 tuition scale adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to
737 section 10-264p. The Department of Education shall be financially
738 responsible for any unpaid portion of the tuition not charged to such
739 parent or guardian under such sliding tuition scale. Such tuition shall
740 not exceed an amount equal to the difference between (A) the average
741 per pupil expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet
742 school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil
743 state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264/ plus
744 any revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The
745 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive review of the operating
746 budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such
747 tuition rate.

748 Sec. 7. Subsection (l) of section 10-66ee of the 2014 supplement to the
749 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
750 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

751 (l) Within available appropriations, the state may provide a grant in
752 an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars to any newly
753 approved state charter school that assists the state in meeting the goals
754 of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.
755 O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and
756 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined
757 by the Commissioner of Education, for start-up costs associated with
758 the new charter school program.

759 Sec. 8. Section 10-262s of the general statutes is repealed and the
760 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

761 The Commissioner of Education may, to assist the state in meeting
762 the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
763 William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
764 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
765 transfer funds appropriated for the Sheff settlement to the following:
766 (1) Grants for interdistrict cooperative programs pursuant to section
767 10-74d, (2) grants for state charter schools pursuant to section 10-66ee,
768 (3) grants for the interdistrict public school attendance program
769 pursuant to section 10-266aa, (4) grants for interdistrict magnet schools
770 pursuant to section 10-264l, and (5) to technical high schools for
771 programming.

772 Sec. 9. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the
773 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
774 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

775 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
776 Commissioner of Education may provide grants, within available
777 appropriations, in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars per
778 pupil, to local and regional boards of education and regional

779 educational service centers that transport (A) out-of-district students to
780 technical high schools located in Hartford, or (B) Hartford students
781 attending a technical high school or a regional agricultural science and
782 technology education center outside of the district, to assist the state in
783 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
784 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
785 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
786 as determined by the commissioner, for the costs associated with such
787 transportation.

788 Sec. 10. Subsection (o) of section 10-266aa of the 2014 supplement to
789 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
790 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

791 (o) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make
792 grants for academic student support for programs pursuant to this
793 section that assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation
794 and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended,
795 or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
796 William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the commissioner.

797 Sec. 11. Section 10-283 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
798 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
799 *1, 2014*):

800 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply
801 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this
802 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project
803 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of
804 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or
805 reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to
806 authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply
807 to the Commissioner of Education for and to accept or reject such grant
808 for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be
809 made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school
810 district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the

811 Commissioner of Administrative Services. The application form shall
812 require the superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district
813 considered the maximization of natural light, the use and feasibility of
814 wireless connectivity technology and, on and after July 1, 2014, the
815 school safety infrastructure standards, developed by the School Safety
816 Infrastructure Council, pursuant to section 10-292r, in projects for new
817 construction and alteration or renovation of a school building. The
818 Commissioner of Education shall review each grant application for a
819 school building project for compliance with educational requirements
820 and on the basis of categories for building projects established by the
821 State Board of Education in accordance with this section, and shall
822 evaluate, if appropriate, whether the project will assist the state in
823 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
824 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
825 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
826 provided grant applications submitted for purposes of subsection (a)
827 of section 10-65 or section 10-76e shall be reviewed annually by the
828 commissioner on the basis of the educational needs of the applicant.
829 The Commissioner of Education shall forward each application and
830 the category that the Commissioner of Education has assigned to each
831 such project in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection to the
832 Commissioner of Administrative Services not later than August thirty-
833 first of each fiscal year. The Commissioner of Administrative Services
834 shall review each grant application for a school building project for
835 compliance with standards for school building projects pursuant to
836 regulations, adopted in accordance with section 10-287c, and, on and
837 after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure standards, developed
838 by the School Safety Infrastructure Council pursuant to section 10-292r.
839 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Board of Trustees
840 of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Quinebaug Valley
841 Community College and Three Rivers Community College and the
842 following entities that will operate an interdistrict magnet school that
843 will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and
844 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or
845 the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.

846 William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the Commissioner of
847 Education, may apply for and shall be eligible to receive grants for
848 school building projects pursuant to section 10-264h for such a school:
849 (A) The Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
850 behalf of a regional community-technical college, (B) the Board of
851 Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state
852 university, (C) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut
853 on behalf of the university, (D) the board of governors for an
854 independent college or university, as defined in section 10a-37, or the
855 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent college or
856 university, (E) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a,
857 and (F) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by
858 the Commissioner of Education.

859 (2) The Commissioner of Education shall assign each school
860 building project to a category on the basis of whether such project is
861 primarily required to: (A) Create new facilities or alter existing
862 facilities to provide for mandatory instructional programs pursuant to
863 this chapter, for physical education facilities in compliance with Title
864 IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1972 where such
865 programs or such compliance cannot be provided within existing
866 facilities or for the correction of code violations which cannot be
867 reasonably addressed within existing program space; (B) create new
868 facilities or alter existing facilities to enhance mandatory instructional
869 programs pursuant to this chapter or provide comparable facilities
870 among schools to all students at the same grade level or levels within
871 the school district unless such project is otherwise explicitly included
872 in another category pursuant to this section; and (C) create new
873 facilities or alter existing facilities to provide supportive services,
874 provided in no event shall such supportive services include swimming
875 pools, auditoriums, outdoor athletic facilities, tennis courts,
876 elementary school playgrounds, site improvement or garages or
877 storage, parking or general recreation areas. All applications submitted
878 prior to July first shall be reviewed promptly by the Commissioner of
879 Education, who shall forward such application to the Commissioner of

880 Administrative Services. The Commissioner of Administrative Services
881 shall estimate the amount of the grant for which such project is
882 eligible, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-285a, provided
883 an application for a school building project determined by the
884 Commissioner of Education to be a project that will assist the state in
885 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
886 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
887 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
888 shall have until September first to submit an application for such a
889 project and may have until December first of the same year to secure
890 and report all local and state approvals required to complete the grant
891 application. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall
892 annually prepare a listing of all such eligible school building projects
893 listed by category together with the amount of the estimated grants for
894 such projects and shall submit the same to the Governor, the Secretary
895 of the Office of Policy and Management and the General Assembly on
896 or before the fifteenth day of December, except as provided in section
897 10-283a, with a request for authorization to enter into grant
898 commitments. On or before December thirty-first annually, the
899 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall submit
900 comments and recommendations regarding each eligible project on
901 such listing of eligible school building projects to the school
902 construction committee, established pursuant to section 10-283a. Each
903 such listing submitted after December 15, 2005, until December 15,
904 2010, inclusive, shall include a separate schedule of authorized projects
905 which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the
906 Commissioner of Education once, and a separate schedule of
907 authorized projects which have changed in scope or cost to a degree
908 determined by said commissioner twice. Any such listing submitted
909 after December 15, 2010, until December 15, 2011, inclusive, shall
910 include a separate schedule of authorized projects which have changed
911 in scope or cost to a degree determined by the Commissioner of
912 Administrative Services once, and a separate schedule of authorized
913 projects which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined
914 by said commissioner twice. On and after July 1, 2011, each such listing

915 shall include a report on the review conducted by the Commissioner of
916 Education of the enrollment projections for each such eligible project.
917 For the period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2012, no
918 project, other than a project for a technical high school, may appear on
919 the separate schedule of authorized projects which have changed in
920 cost more than twice. On and after July 1, 2012, no project, other than a
921 project for a technical high school, may appear on the separate
922 schedule of authorized projects which have changed in cost more than
923 once, except the Commissioner of Administrative Services may allow a
924 project to appear on such separate schedule of authorized projects a
925 second time if the town or regional school district for such project can
926 demonstrate that exigent circumstances require such project to appear
927 a second time on such separate schedule of authorized projects.
928 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, no projects which have
929 changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by the
930 Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with the
931 Commissioner of Education, shall be eligible for reimbursement under
932 this chapter unless it appears on such list. The percentage determined
933 pursuant to section 10-285a at the time a school building project on
934 such schedule was originally authorized shall be used for purposes of
935 the grant for such project. On and after July 1, 2006, a project that was
936 not previously authorized as an interdistrict magnet school shall not
937 receive a higher percentage for reimbursement than that determined
938 pursuant to section 10-285a at the time a school building project on
939 such schedule was originally authorized. The General Assembly shall
940 annually authorize the Commissioner of Administrative Services to
941 enter into grant commitments on behalf of the state in accordance with
942 the commissioner's categorized listing for such projects as the General
943 Assembly shall determine. The Commissioner of Administrative
944 Services may not enter into any such grant commitments except
945 pursuant to such legislative authorization. Any regional school district
946 which assumes the responsibility for completion of a public school
947 building project shall be eligible for a grant pursuant to subdivision (5)
948 or (6), as the case may be, of subsection (a) of section 10-286 when such
949 project is completed and accepted by such regional school district.

950 (3) (A) All final calculations completed by the Department of
951 Administrative Services for school building projects shall include a
952 computation of the state grant for the school building project
953 amortized on a straight line basis over a twenty-year period for school
954 building projects with costs equal to or greater than two million dollars
955 and over a ten-year period for school building projects with costs less
956 than two million dollars. Any town or regional school district which
957 abandons, sells, leases, demolishes or otherwise redirects the use of
958 such a school building project to other than a public school use during
959 such amortization period shall refund to the state the unamortized
960 balance of the state grant remaining as of the date the abandonment,
961 sale, lease, demolition or redirection occurs. The amortization period
962 for a project shall begin on the date the project was accepted as
963 complete by the local or regional board of education. A town or
964 regional school district required to make a refund to the state pursuant
965 to this subdivision may request forgiveness of such refund if the
966 building is redirected for public use. The Department of
967 Administrative Services shall include as an addendum to the annual
968 school construction priority list all those towns requesting forgiveness.
969 General Assembly approval of the priority list containing such request
970 shall constitute approval of such request. This subdivision shall not
971 apply to projects to correct safety, health and other code violations or
972 to remedy certified school indoor air quality emergencies approved
973 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or projects subject to the
974 provisions of section 10-285c.

975 (B) Any moneys refunded to the state pursuant to subparagraph (A)
976 of this subdivision shall be deposited in the state's tax-exempt
977 proceeds fund and used not later than sixty days after repayment to
978 pay debt service on, including redemption, defeasance or purchase of,
979 outstanding bonds of the state the interest on which is not included in
980 gross income pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of
981 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
982 United States, as from time to time amended.

983 (b) Notwithstanding the application date requirements of this
984 section, the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation
985 with the Commissioner of Education, may approve applications for
986 grants to assist school building projects to remedy damage from fire
987 and catastrophe, to correct safety, health and other code violations, to
988 replace roofs, to remedy a certified school indoor air quality
989 emergency, or to purchase and install portable classroom buildings at
990 any time within the limit of available grant authorization and make
991 payments thereon within the limit of appropriated funds, provided
992 portable classroom building projects shall not create a new facility or
993 cause an existing facility to be modified so that the portable buildings
994 comprise a substantial percentage of the total facility area, as
995 determined by the commissioner.

996 (c) No school building project shall be added to the list prepared by
997 the Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to subsection
998 (a) of this section after such list is submitted to the committee of the
999 General Assembly appointed pursuant to section 10-283a unless (1) the
1000 project is for a school placed on probation by the New England
1001 Association of Schools and Colleges and the project is necessary to
1002 preserve accreditation, (2) the project is necessary to replace a school
1003 building for which a state agency issued a written notice of its intent to
1004 take the school property for public purpose, (3) it is a school building
1005 project determined by the Commissioner of Education to be a project
1006 that will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and
1007 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or
1008 the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
1009 William A. O'Neill, et al. The provisions of this subsection shall not
1010 apply to projects previously authorized by the General Assembly that
1011 require special legislation to correct procedural deficiencies.

1012 (d) No application for a school building project shall be accepted by
1013 the Commissioner of Education on or after July 1, 2002, unless the
1014 applicant has secured funding authorization for the local share of the
1015 project costs prior to application. The reimbursement percentage for a

1016 project covered by this subsection shall reflect the rates in effect during
1017 the fiscal year in which such local funding authorization is secured.

1018 Sec. 12. Subsection (h) of section 13 of public act 13-239 is amended
1019 to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1020 (h) For the Department of Education:

1021 (1) Grants-in-aid for capital start-up costs related to the
1022 development of new interdistrict magnet school programs to assist the
1023 state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo
1024 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the
1025 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et. al. v. William A. O'Neill,
1026 et al., for the purpose of purchasing a building or portable classrooms,
1027 subject to the reversion provisions in subdivision (1) of subsection (c)
1028 of section 10-264h of the general statutes, leasing space, and
1029 purchasing equipment, including, but not limited to, computers and
1030 classroom furniture, not exceeding \$17,000,000;

1031 (2) Grants-in-aid to municipalities and organizations exempt from
1032 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
1033 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
1034 States, as amended from time to time, for facility improvements and
1035 minor capital repairs to that portion of facilities that house school
1036 readiness programs and state-funded day care centers operated by
1037 such municipalities and organizations, not exceeding \$11,500,000;

1038 (3) Grants-in-aid to local or regional boards of education for capital
1039 costs related to the expansion of enrollment in the state-wide
1040 interdistrict public school attendance program pursuant to section 10-
1041 266aa of the general statutes, to assist the state in meeting the goals of
1042 the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A.
1043 O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and
1044 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et. al., for building
1045 renovations, classroom expansions and the purchase of equipment,
1046 including, but not limited to, computers, laboratory equipment and

1047 classroom furniture, not exceeding \$750,000.

1048 Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
1049 subdivision (1) of section 1 of public act 13-243 and section 10-264h of
1050 the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of
1051 Education or the Departments of Construction Services or
1052 Administrative Services concerning the reimbursement rate for the
1053 construction of interdistrict magnet schools, the Capitol Region
1054 Education Council may use ninety-five per cent as the reimbursement
1055 rate for the new interdistrict magnet facility construction and purchase
1056 of site project (Project Number 241-0102 MAG/N/PS) at the Greater
1057 Hartford Academy of the Arts Elementary Magnet School.

1058 Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
1059 subdivision (1) of section 1 of public act 13-243 and section 10-264h of
1060 the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of
1061 Education or the Departments of Construction Services or
1062 Administrative Services concerning the reimbursement rate for the
1063 construction of interdistrict magnet schools, the Capitol Region
1064 Education Council may use ninety-five per cent as the reimbursement
1065 rate for the new interdistrict magnet facility construction and purchase
1066 of site project (Project Number 241-0103 MAG/N/PS) at the Greater
1067 Hartford Academy of the Arts Middle Magnet School.

1068 Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
1069 subdivision (1) of section 1 of public act 13-243 and section 10-264h of
1070 the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of
1071 Education or the Departments of Construction Services or
1072 Administrative Services concerning the reimbursement rate for the
1073 construction of interdistrict magnet schools, the Capitol Region
1074 Education Council may use ninety-five per cent as the reimbursement
1075 rate for the new interdistrict magnet facility construction and purchase
1076 of site project (Project Number 241-0104 MAG/N/PS) at the Two
1077 Rivers Magnet High School.

1078 Sec. 16. Section 96 of public act 11-57 is amended to read as follows

1079 (Effective July 1, 2014):

1080 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-287i of the general
1081 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education
1082 requiring payment of the state share of eligible project costs and filing
1083 notice of authorization of funding for the local share of project costs,
1084 the Commissioner of Education may pay both the state share of
1085 eligible project costs and the local share of eligible project costs to the
1086 Capitol Region Education Council for the following interdistrict
1087 magnet school building projects: (1) Reggio Magnet School of the Arts
1088 (Project Number 241-0095 MAG/N), (2) International Magnet School
1089 for Global Citizenship (Project Number 241-0098 MAG/N), (3) Public
1090 Safety Academy (Project Number 241-0097 MAG/N), (4) Medical
1091 Professions and Teacher Preparation Academy (Project Number 241-
1092 0096 MAG/N), (5) Academy of Aerospace (Project Number 241-0099
1093 MAG/N), (6) Discovery Academy (Project Number 241-0100
1094 MAG/N), [and] (7) Museum Academy (Project Number 241-0101
1095 MAG/N), (8) Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Elementary
1096 Magnet School, (Project Number 241-0102 MAG/N/PS), (9) Greater
1097 Hartford Academy of the Arts Middle School (Project Number 241-
1098 0103 MAG/N/PS), and (10) Two Rivers Magnet High School (Project
1099 Number 241-0104 MAG/N/PS), provided the project is in compliance
1100 with the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes and any
1101 regulation adopted by the State Board of Education. Upon completion
1102 of each project audit conducted pursuant to section 10-287 of the
1103 general statutes, the Department of Construction Services shall (A)
1104 compute the local share of the project cost in accordance with the
1105 provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes, (B) determine a
1106 repayment schedule of the local share based on twenty equal annual
1107 principal payments, (C) apply a fixed rate of interest, as determined by
1108 the State Treasurer, over the life of the repayment period, and (D)
1109 determine a schedule of interest payments due from the Capitol
1110 Region Education Council based on the outstanding principal at the
1111 time the principal payment is made. The Commissioner of
1112 Construction Services shall notify the Commissioner of Education of

the annualized repayment amounts for each project that shall be withheld from the operating grant paid to the Capitol Region Education Council pursuant to section 10-264l of the general statutes at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Education prescribes. The Commissioner of Education shall annually transfer such withheld annualized repayment amounts to the School Building Construction Fund established pursuant to section 10-287e of the general statutes.

Sec. 17. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 32 of public act 13-239 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(g) For the Department of Education:

(1) Grants-in-aid for capital start-up costs related to the development of new interdistrict magnet school programs to assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., for the purpose of purchasing a building or portable classrooms, subject to the reversion provisions in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 10-264h of the general statutes, leasing space, and purchasing equipment, including, but not limited to, computers and classroom furniture, not exceeding \$7,500,000;

Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 19 of public act 13-239, grants-in-aid for capital start-up costs paid to the Capitol Region Education Council, in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (h) of section 13 of public act 13-239, as amended by this act, and used pursuant to said subsection (h) shall not be subject to lien or repayment.

Sec. 19. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 38 of public act 13-239, grants-in-aid for capital start-up costs paid to the Capitol Region Education Council, in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 32 of public act 13-239, as

1144 amended by this act, and used pursuant to said subsection (g) shall not
1145 be subject to lien or repayment.

1146 Sec. 20. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the
1147 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1148 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1149 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
1150 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, [2013] 2015, inclusive, the
1151 amount of transportation grants payable to local or regional boards of
1152 education shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in
1153 such year exceeds the amount appropriated for such grants for such
1154 year.

1155 Sec. 21. Subsections (f) and (g) of section 10-266p of the 2014
1156 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
1157 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1158 (f) In addition to the amounts allocated in subsection (a), and
1159 subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year
1160 ending June 30, 2006, the State Board of Education shall allocate two
1161 million thirty-nine thousand six hundred eighty-six dollars to the
1162 towns that rank one to three, inclusive, in population pursuant to
1163 subdivision (1) of said subsection (a), and for the fiscal years ending
1164 June 30, 2007, to June 30, [2013] 2015, the State Board of Education shall
1165 allocate two million six hundred ten thousand seven hundred ninety-
1166 eight dollars to the towns that rank one to three, inclusive, in
1167 population pursuant to subdivision (1) of said subsection (a).

1168 (g) In addition to the amounts allocated in subsection (a) and
1169 subsections (c) to (f), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending
1170 June 30, 2012, [and each fiscal year thereafter,] the State Board of
1171 Education shall allocate three million two hundred sixteen thousand
1172 nine hundred eight dollars as follows: Each priority school district
1173 shall receive an allocation based on the ratio of the amount it is eligible
1174 to receive pursuant to subsection (a) and subsections (c) to (f),

1175 inclusive, of this section to the total amount all priority school districts
1176 are eligible to receive pursuant to said subsection (a) and said
1177 subsections (c) to (f), inclusive. For the fiscal year ending June 30,
1178 [2013] 2014, the State Board of Education shall allocate [two million
1179 nine hundred twenty-nine thousand three hundred sixty-four dollars]
1180 two million nine hundred twenty-five thousand four hundred eighty-
1181 one dollars as follows: Each priority school district shall receive an
1182 allocation based on the ratio of the amount it is eligible to receive
1183 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and subsections (c) to (f),
1184 inclusive, of this section to the total amount all priority school districts
1185 are eligible to receive pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and
1186 subsections (c) to (f), inclusive, of this section.

1187 Sec. 22. Subdivision (20) of section 10-262f of the 2014 supplement to
1188 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1189 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1190 (20) "Regular program expenditures" means (A) total current
1191 educational expenditures less (B) expenditures for (i) special education
1192 programs pursuant to subsection (h) of section 10-76f, (ii) pupil
1193 transportation eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-266m,
1194 as amended by this act, (iii) land and capital building expenditures,
1195 and equipment otherwise supported by a state grant pursuant to
1196 chapter 173, including debt service, [(iii)] (iv) health services for
1197 nonpublic school children, [(iv)] (v) adult education, (C) expenditures
1198 directly attributable to (i) state grants received by or on behalf of
1199 school districts except grants for the categories of expenditures listed
1200 in subparagraphs (B)(i) to (B)(iv), inclusive, of this subdivision and
1201 except grants received pursuant to section 10-262i and section 10-262c
1202 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 1987, and
1203 except grants received pursuant to chapter 173, (ii) federal grants
1204 received by or on behalf of school districts except for adult education
1205 and federal impact aid, and (iii) receipts from the operation of child
1206 nutrition services and student activities services, (D) expenditures of
1207 funds from private and other sources, and (E) tuition received on

1208 account of nonresident students. The town of Woodstock may include
1209 as part of the current expenses of its public schools for each school year
1210 the amount expended for current expenses in that year by Woodstock
1211 Academy from income from its endowment funds upon receipt from
1212 said academy of a certified statement of such current expenses. The
1213 town of Winchester may include as part of the current expenses of its
1214 public school for each school year the amount expended for current
1215 expenses in that year by the Gilbert School from income from its
1216 endowment funds upon receipt from said school of a certified
1217 statement of such current expenses.

1218 Sec. 23. Subdivision (43) of section 10-262f of the 2014 supplement to
1219 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1220 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1221 (43) "Median household income adjustment factor" means the ratio
1222 of the median household income of the town to one and one-half times
1223 the median household income of the town with the median household
1224 income when all towns are ranked according to median household
1225 income.

1226 Sec. 24. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 10-66ee of the
1227 2014 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following
1228 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1229 (b) (1) The local board of education of the school district in which a
1230 student enrolled in a local charter school resides shall pay, annually, in
1231 accordance with its charter, to the fiscal authority for the charter school
1232 for each such student the amount specified in its charter, including the
1233 reasonable special education costs of students requiring special
1234 education. The board of education shall be eligible for reimbursement
1235 for such special education costs pursuant to section 10-76g.

1236 (2) The local or regional board of education of the school district in
1237 which the local charter school is located shall be responsible for the
1238 financial support of such local charter school at a level that is at least

1239 equal to the product of (A) the per pupil cost for the [prior fiscal year,
1240 less the reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g for the current fiscal
1241 year] fiscal year two years prior to the fiscal year for which support
1242 will be provided, and (B) the number of students attending such local
1243 charter school in the current fiscal year. As used in this subdivision,
1244 "per pupil cost" means, for a local or regional board of education, the
1245 quotient of the [net current expenditures] current program
1246 expenditures, as defined in [subdivision (3) of section 10-261] section
1247 10-262f, as amended by this act, divided by the [average daily
1248 membership, as defined in subdivision (2) of section 10-261,] number
1249 of resident students, as defined in section 10-262f, as amended by this
1250 act, of such local or regional board of education.

1251 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year
1252 thereafter, the State Board of Education may approve, within available
1253 appropriations, a per student grant to a local charter school described
1254 in subsection [(b)] (c) of section [10-66nn] 10-66bb in an amount not to
1255 exceed three thousand dollars for each student enrolled in such local
1256 charter school, provided the local or regional board of education for
1257 such local charter school and the representatives of the exclusive
1258 bargaining unit for certified employees, chosen pursuant to section 10-
1259 153b, mutually agree on staffing flexibility in such local charter school,
1260 and such agreement is approved by the State Board of Education. [For
1261 the purposes of equalization aid grants pursuant to section 10-262h,
1262 the] The state shall make such payments, in accordance with this
1263 subsection, to the town in which a local charter school is located as
1264 follows: Twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than July
1265 fifteenth and September first based on estimated student enrollment
1266 on May first, and twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than
1267 January first and the remaining amount not later than April [fifteenth]
1268 first, each based on student enrollment on October first.

1269 (2) The town shall pay to the fiscal authority for a local charter
1270 school the portion of the amount paid to the town pursuant to
1271 subdivision (1) of this subsection attributable for students enrolled in

1272 such local charter school. Such payments shall be made as follows:
1273 Twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than July twentieth and
1274 September fifteenth and twenty-five per cent of the amount not later
1275 than January fifteenth and the remaining amount not later than April
1276 fifteenth.

1277 (d) (1) For the purposes of equalization aid grants pursuant to
1278 section 10-262h, the state shall pay in accordance with this subsection,
1279 to the town in which a state charter school is located for each student
1280 enrolled in such school, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, ten
1281 thousand two hundred dollars, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014,
1282 ten thousand five hundred dollars, and for the fiscal year ending June
1283 30, 2015, and each fiscal year thereafter, eleven thousand dollars. Such
1284 payments shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the
1285 amount not later than July fifteenth and September first based on
1286 estimated student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five per cent of
1287 the amount not later than January first and the remaining amount not
1288 later than April [fifteenth] first, each based on student enrollment on
1289 October first. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, the
1290 payment of the remaining amount made not later than April 15, 2013,
1291 shall be within available appropriations and may be adjusted for each
1292 student on a pro rata basis.

1293 (2) The town shall pay to the fiscal authority for a state charter
1294 school the portion of the amount paid to the town pursuant to
1295 subdivision (1) of this subsection attributable for students enrolled in
1296 such state charter school. Such payments shall be made as follows:
1297 Twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than July twentieth and
1298 September fifteenth and twenty-five per cent of the amount not later
1299 than January fifteenth and the remaining amount not later than April
1300 fifteenth.

1301 (3) In the case of a student identified as requiring special education,
1302 the school district in which the student resides shall: (A) Hold the
1303 planning and placement team meeting for such student and shall
1304 invite representatives from the charter school to participate in such

1305 meeting; and (B) pay the state charter school, on a quarterly basis, an
1306 amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of
1307 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the
1308 state charter school for such student pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
1309 subsection and amounts received from other state, federal, local or
1310 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district
1311 shall be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. The
1312 charter school a student requiring special education attends shall be
1313 responsible for ensuring that such student receives the services
1314 mandated by the student's individualized education program whether
1315 such services are provided by the charter school or by the school
1316 district in which the student resides.

1317 Sec. 25. Subsection (b) of section 10-10c of the general statutes is
1318 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1319 *passage*):

1320 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2015] 2016, and each fiscal
1321 year thereafter, each local or regional board of education, regional
1322 educational service center and state charter school shall implement
1323 such uniform system of accounting by completing and filing annual
1324 financial reports with the department using the chart of accounts and
1325 meet the provisions of section 10-227.

1326 Sec. 26. Subsection (c) of section 10-262i of the 2014 supplement to
1327 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1328 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1329 (c) All aid distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions of this
1330 section and section 10-262u, as amended by this act, shall be expended
1331 for educational purposes only and shall be expended upon the
1332 authorization of the local or regional board of education and in
1333 accordance with the provisions of section 10-262u, as amended by this
1334 act. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and each fiscal year
1335 thereafter, if a town receives an increase in funds pursuant to this
1336 section over the amount it received for the prior fiscal year, such

1337 increase shall not be used to supplant local funding for educational
1338 purposes. The budgeted appropriation for education in any town
1339 receiving an increase in funds pursuant to this section shall be not less
1340 than the amount appropriated for education for the prior year plus
1341 such increase in funds.

1342 Sec. 27. Subsection (c) of section 10-262u of the 2014 supplement to
1343 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1344 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1345 (c) (1) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Comptroller
1346 shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any
1347 increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the
1348 prior fiscal year pursuant to section 10-262h. The Comptroller shall
1349 transfer such funds to the Commissioner of Education. (B) For the
1350 fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, the Comptroller
1351 shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any
1352 increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the
1353 fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, pursuant to subsection (a) of section
1354 10-262i. The Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the
1355 Commissioner of Education.

1356 (2) Upon receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (d) of this
1357 section, the Commissioner of Education may pay such funds to the
1358 town designated as an alliance district and such town shall pay all
1359 such funds to the local or regional board of education for such town on
1360 the condition that such funds shall be expended in accordance with the
1361 plan described in subsection (d) of this section, the provisions of
1362 subsection (c) of section 10-262i, as amended by this act, and any
1363 guidelines developed by the State Board of Education for such funds.
1364 Such funds shall be used to improve student achievement in such
1365 alliance district and to offset any other local education costs approved
1366 by the commissioner.

1367 Sec. 28. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-16q of the
1368 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

1369 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1370 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2009] 2015, and each fiscal
 1371 year thereafter, the per child cost of the Department of Education
 1372 school readiness program offered by a school readiness provider shall
 1373 not exceed eight thousand [three] six hundred [forty-six] sixty-one
 1374 dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-264l
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-264i(a)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-264h(a)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-264o
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-66ee(l)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-262s
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-266m(a)(5)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-266aa(o)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-283
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	PA 13-239, Sec. 13(h)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	PA 11-57, Sec. 96
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	PA 13-239, Sec. 32(g)(1)
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	10-266m(a)(4)
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	10-266p(f) and (g)
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	10-262f(20)
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	10-262f(43)
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	10-66ee(b) to (d)
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	10-10c(b)
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	10-262i(c)
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	10-262u(c)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16q(b)(2)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 10-66ee(b)(2), made a technical change.

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*